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SUBJ: AFGHAN-PAKISTANI RELATIONS

1. IN MY MEETING WITH HIM ON JUNE 1, PRESIDENT DAOUD MADE A SPECIAL POINT OF SAYING THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN ARE QUOTE SERIOUS END QUOTE AND COULD BECOME WORSE. HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF PAKISTANI INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFGHAN AFFAIRS AND SAID HE WOULD BE FURNISHING ME THROUGH HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH TWO EXAMPLES. FOR ITS PART, HE SAID, AFGHANISTAN WOULD NEVER INITIATE WAR OR ENGAGE IN ADVENTURISM. HE SAID HE WAS TELLING ME THESE THINGS BECAUSE THE US IS A FRIEND OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

2. I COMMENTED ONLY THAT THE US DOES INDEED CONSIDER ITSELF A FRIEND OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND THAT WE ARE DISTRESSED WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE BETWEEN THEM.

3. COMMENT: IS SUSPECT THAT DAOUD MADE THESE POINTS TO ME AS A RESULT OF AN EXCHANGE I HAD WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH (WHO WAS PRESENT FOR MY DISCUSSION WITH DAOUD) ON
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MAY 29. ON THAT OCCASION, ABDULLAH ENGAGED IN ONE OF HIS

STANDARD TIRADES AGAINST BHUTTO, ENDING UP BY SAYING
THAT BHUTTO IS ALIENATING ALL HIS FRIENDS. I COUNTERED BY SAYING
THAT BHUTTO HAD NOT ALIENATED HIS AMERICAN FRIENDS. THAT
OF COURSE LED ABDULLAH TO SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD PERSUADE
OUR PAKISTANI FRIENDS TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS BY THE PUSHTUNS
AND BALUCHIS. I WON'T BORE MY READERS WITH THE REST OF THE
CONVERSATION WITH ABDULLAH EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT DAOUD WAS AS
USUAL ENTIRELY PROPER IN HIS REFERENCES TO PAKISTAN WHILE
SETTING FORTH HIS POSITION WITH GREAT SERIOUSNESS AND
EMPHASIS.
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